

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**S. 3969**

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**AN ACT**

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to explicitly authorize distribution of grant funds to the voting accessibility protection and advocacy system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the system serving the American Indian consortium, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Protection and Advo-  
 5       cacy for Voting Access Program Inclusion Act” or the  
 6       “PAVA Program Inclusion Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO VOTING ACCESSI-**  
 8                               **BILITY PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYS-**  
 9                               **TEMS SERVING THE COMMONWEALTH OF**  
 10                              **THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE**  
 11                              **AMERICAN INDIAN CONSORTIUM.**

12       (a) RECIPIENTS DEFINED.—Section 291 of the Help  
 13       America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21061) is amend-  
 14       ed—

15               (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
 16       section (d); and

17               (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
 18       lowing new subsection:

19       “(c) ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

20               “(1) DEFINITION OF STATE.—For the purposes  
 21       of this section, the term ‘State’ shall have the mean-  
 22       ing given such term in section 102 of the Develop-  
 23       mental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act  
 24       of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002).

1           “(2) AMERICAN INDIAN CONSORTIUM ELIGI-  
 2           BLE.—A system serving the American Indian con-  
 3           sortium for which funds have been reserved under  
 4           section 509(c)(1)(B) of the Rehabilitation Act of  
 5           1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e(c)(1)(B)) shall be eligible for  
 6           payments under subsection (a) in the same manner  
 7           as a protection and advocacy system of a State.”.

8           (b) GRANT MINIMUMS FOR AMERICAN INDIAN CON-  
 9           SORTIUM.—Section 291(b) of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
 10          21061(b)) is amended—

11           (1) by inserting “(c)(1)(B),” after “as set forth  
 12          in subsections”; and

13           (2) by striking “subsections (c)(3)(B) and  
 14          (c)(4)(B) of that section shall be not less than  
 15          \$70,000 and \$35,000, respectively.” and inserting  
 16          the following: “subsection (c)(3)(B) shall not be less  
 17          than \$70,000, and the amount of the grants to sys-  
 18          tems referred to in subsections (c)(1)(B) and (c)(4)  
 19          shall not be less than \$35,000.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendments made by section 2 shall take effect  
3 at the start of the first fiscal year starting after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate March 30, 2022.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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